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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION TO ACCOMPANY REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Dear Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Final Office Action that was mailed on November 8, 2007 and is submitted with a Request for Continued Examination and the requisite fee. In the Office Action, the Examiner set a three-month period in which to respond. This response is being submitted within that time period. Accordingly, it is timely.